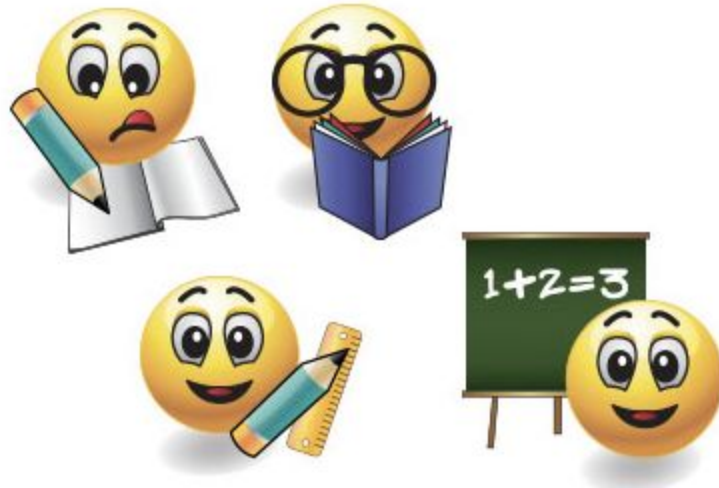


## Welcome to the ASTRA Course



### Washington Latin's Vision:

*Washington Latin Public Charter School provides a challenging, classical education that is accessible to students throughout the District of Columbia.*

*We seek to develop students who will become thoughtful people who will contribute to the public good as citizens and leaders in their lifelong quest towards a fuller humanity.*

### Welcome!

Welcome to the ASTRA course! You all are very special, as you are the first students to partake in this new class at Latin. ASTRA is an acronym that stands for the following:

Achieving

Success

Through

Readng and

Arithmetic

This course is designed to strengthen the fundamental math and literacy skills necessary to be a successful student and a critical thinker. You will develop strong study habits and learn ways to stay organized. This course is taught by Ms. Lee-Bey and Ms. Oran.

You have been chosen to be in this course because we want to help you to have a positive learning experience at Latin and recognize that there are some places you could use some support. We are here for you, so ask us questions and let us know what we can do to best help you.

ASTRA will meet on a daily basis. You will engage in literacy activities on Mondays - Wednesdays and math activities on Thursdays and Fridays.

## Units of Study

Literacy	Math
<p>In this course, you will have a chance to strengthen your reading and writing skills that will help you with your assignments in English and Civics. You will read text that will help you develop background knowledge to better understand the novels, poems, poetry, articles, and other types of printed text. You will also have the opportunity to work on written assignments in order to improve your revising and editing skills.</p>	<p>Math intervention is designed to “fill the holes” from prior year(s) math classes. This course aims to build math comprehension and fluency. By going back to the basics we will begin with building and cementing basic math skills that will in turn build each student's confidence in the math classroom. Much of the class will focus on conceptual awareness and the creation and use of models to support the development of critical thinking.</p>
<p><b>Topics/Units will include:</b></p> <p>Word Study (decoding, spelling, and vocabulary)</p> <p>Fluent reading and writing</p> <p>Vocabulary (morphemic analysis and context clues)</p> <p>Comprehension strategies</p> <p>Critical reading</p> <p>Writing Process</p>	<p><b>Topics/Units will include:</b></p> <p>Place Value, Operations with Multi-digit numbers, Fraction Operations and Equivalency, Decimal Operations and Equivalency, Number Awareness, and Geometry and Measurement/Conversion.</p>
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<p><b>Meeting Days:</b></p> <p>Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Meeting Days:</b></p> <p>Thursday and Friday</p>
<p><b>Required Materials:</b></p> <p>Two composition notebooks</p> <p>Three-pronged folder</p> <p>Binder</p> <p>Highlighter</p>	<p><b>Required Materials:</b></p> <p>One three-ring binder</p> <p>Dividers</p>
<p><b>Homework Policies:</b></p> <p>The most important homework to complete is your independent reading. You should be reading independently for at least 10 minutes a day.</p> <p>Homework will be to complete word study sort activities. You will complete a weekly word study test to determine</p>	<p><b>Homework Policies:</b></p> <p>Homework for students will not be directly assigned. However, all students will be provided with log-in information for several websites that will help to support their math comprehension.</p> <p><u>Websites:</u></p> <p><a href="http://www.zearn.org">www.zearn.org</a></p>

<p>In addition, there will be some assignments that will correspond your English and Civics class. These are designed to assist you in successfully completing assignments in other classes.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.khanacademy.org">www.khanacademy.org</a></p>
<p><b>Grading Policies:</b></p> <p>Your grade in this course is primarily based on work completion and work quality. Naturally, as you complete assignments and practice your reading both in and out of class, you will see that it becomes easier to read assigned texts and write essays and research projects.</p> <p>You will also receive a grade for effort and participation.</p>	<p><b>Grading Policies:</b></p> <p>Your grade in this course is primarily based on work completion and work quality. Naturally, as you complete assignments and practice your math skills both in and out of class, you will see that it becomes easier to complete complex problems and your math fluency will increase!</p> <p>You will also receive a grade for effort and participation.</p>

*"Once you learn to read, you will forever be free." - Frederick Douglass*

*"We are called to be architects of the future, not its victims." - R. Buckminster Fuller*